

NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting DCI
FROM: Walter Elder
Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Classification of DCI Directives

1. Action Requested: That you approve classification of the DCI Directive series as SECRET, by signing the attached memorandum.
2. Background: Taken singly, some of the DCI Directives cannot be considered as classified. Taken collectively (and that is the way they are published), they reveal an enormous amount of information about the interests of the Intelligence Community and the way in which we go about trying to achieve our objectives.

Executive Order 12356 requires a SECRET classification for information, the unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. The directives collectively meet this criterion.

Rather than identify exceptions at this time, the most practicable solution would appear to be to classify each directive SECRET with the understanding that requests for downgrading or declassification will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The burden for justification will rest with the requester.

Some directives may require a higher classification.

3. Recommendation: That you sign the attached memorandum to Intelligence Community principals.

The Chairman of the Security Committee concurs in this recommendation.


WALTER ELDER

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: Classification of DCI Directives

Pursuant to the Provisions of Executive Order 12356, all Director of Central Intelligence Directives, unless otherwise specified, are classified SECRET.

B.R. Inman
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Acting Chairman